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1. At 10 a.m. on 27 December 1952, the Soviet minesweeper [] was sighted on the way to Swinemünde near buoy 4 of the swept channel Swinemünde-West. [] came from the direction of Swinemünde and near buoy 4 altered course to 270 degrees. Minesweeping equipment was not seen on her deck. A vessel [] put out from Swinemünde at noon. Two other vessels of this type [] were berthed close behind the harbor entrance on the west side of the east jetty. Four [] type vessels [] lay in two pairs on the east side off Osternothafen. Twelve PT boats [] berthed in four groups of three, and [] converted steam trawler, which was painted gray and flew the war ensign, were also seen in Osternothafen. No armament was seen aboard the trawler. 25X1
2. A red brick building was about 30 to 40 meters from the west shore at the first sharp bend on the west side of the navigable channel. Shells of an estimated caliber between 200 and 250 mm which had no cartridge cases were piled up in three layers about five meters long on the south side of this building. Two cranes were in front of the building. Under one of these cranes lay a Soviet ship [] was about 800 GRT, had a black hull, a gray funnel, two hatches and had her machinery aft, which loaded or unloaded boxes, about 1.5 meters long. About 15 persons who wore dark blue uniforms with golden epaulets and blue visor-type caps were near the hatches and on the quay.² 25X1

1. ☐ Comment. Buoy 4 of the swept channel between Swinemünde and the westward approach is morred in 54°14'12"N/14°04'06"E.
2. ☐ Comment. The information fails to indicate the exact location of the brick building near which the artillery ammunition was stored. The building probably was the former mine and barrage depot of the German Navy, rather than the former Rusttgers Shipyard, which is located in the Friedrichsthaler Forst (Friedrichsthal woods). It is believed that the cargo was unloaded

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